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(Special Meeting)

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RESOLUTION NO. 306-10

BY: **SEAN BRENNAN**
(By Request – Law Director)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LAW DIRECTOR TO VOLUNTARILY WITHDRAW THE CITY OF PARMA FROM THE FAIR HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, since 1997, the City has participated in and received funding from the Department of Housing and Urban Development in the Fair Housing Assistance Program (FHAP); and,

WHEREAS, as a FHAP Agency, the City received federal funds to investigate complaints of housing discrimination; and,

WHEREAS, despite efforts to receive more complaints, such as outreach, testing and periodic seminars, the City has not received the HUD required number of Complaints; and,

WHEREAS, the City intends to voluntarily withdraw from participation in FHAP and shall forego further FHAP funding; and,

WHEREAS, in the event the City experiences an increase in housing complaints, the City can reapply for FHAP funding in the future; and,

WHEREAS, the City reasserts its position that it will not tolerate housing discrimination and will continue to investigate complaints itself, or refer complaining parties to the appropriate investigative agencies;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARMA, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That this Council and Administration hereby authorizes the Law Director to voluntarily withdraw the City of Parma from the Fair Housing Assistance Program, through the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Section 2. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.

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Section 3. That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the City of Parma, and for the further reason that this measure is necessary in order to forward the City's withdrawal to the Department of Housing and Urban Development by December 1, 2010, and this Resolution shall become immediately effective upon receiving the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members elected to Council and approval of the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED:_____

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:_____

CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED:_____

FILED WITH
THE MAYOR:_____

MAYOR, CITY OF PARMA, OHIO